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SUBJECT: KHUKRIT ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO CAMBODIA

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE

MARCH 31. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF

HIS REMARKS ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS TO CAMBODIA,

REPORTER: WILL DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE CAMBODIAN
ISSUE BE HELD IN THE CABINET MEETING?

KHUKRIT: MOST PROBABLY NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE ALREADY. IN OTHER WORDS WE WILL NOT INTERFERE
IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER.

REPORTER: WILL YOU ISSUE A LETTER EMPHASIZING THIS? EVERY
UNIT SAYS THERE IS NO ORDER FROM YOU IN REGARD TO...

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KHUKRIT: WHAT?

REPORTER: IN REGARD TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS.

KHUKRIT THAT IS THE DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS , NOT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. BUT IN ANY CASE, NO ORDER CAN BE ISSUED TO THEM I KNOW NOTING REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANYTHING ANYWHERE. THIS IS THE POSITION. THE ETO HAS A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES. I CANNOT GOVE IT ANY ORDER. IT CAN TRANSPORT ANYTHING, BUT IT IS NOT TRANSPORTING WAPONS ONLY IT TRANSPORTS FOODSTUFFS ALSO. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? ALL WE CAN DO IS TO STATE OUR PRINCIPLE THAT WE DO NOT WANT WEAPONS TO BE TRANSPORTED. SHOULD WE ASK THEM. THEY WOULD SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT TRANSPORTING WEAPONS. AND THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE MATTER.

REPORTER: WITH WHOM IS THIS CONTRACT CONLUDED?

KHUKRIT: IT IS A CONTRACT CONDLUDED WITH AMERICA FOR THE ETO TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES. IT COULD GO AND TRANSPORT SUPPLIES IN CAMBODIA. EMPTY TRUCKS COULD BE SENT TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES THERE, NOT IN THAILAND ONLY.

REPORTER: THIS CONTRACT...

KHUKRIT IT IS A VERY OLD ONE, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED YEARS AGO.

REPLRTER: SINCE WHEN DID WE EMPHASIZE THAT THERE MUST BE NO TRANSPORTATION OF WEAPONS?

KHUKRIT: WE HAVE INFORDED THEM ALREADY. FOEIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI HAS INFORMED THEM ALREADY. SINCE THE DAY ON WHICH NESPAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS, NO SUCH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON AGAIN. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED. COMPLETELY ALREADY.

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